

IDA MEMBERSHIP

your benefits explained

Welcome to IDA! You're joining a community of thousands of non-fiction filmmakers, storytellers, industry professionals, and doc enthusiasts from around the globe. We're excited to have you here and hope you take advantage of all the benefits your membership has to offer!

Documentary magazine mailed right to your door every season

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Enjoy a complimentary subscription of our acclaimed *Documentary* magazine, shipped to your house four times a year. *Documentary* is a truly one-of-a-kind publication, featuring guest writers of filmmaking, non-fiction storytelling, advocacy, and industry backgrounds. Make sure your address is up to date so you never miss an issue!

Never stop learning with educational workshops

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With classes available online and in-person (post-pandemic), members are encouraged to hone in on a specific craft or venture out to learn something new. Our signature artist development program has a library of educational videos, seminars, workshops and master classes online, as well as 1:1 interviews with filmmakers as part of our IDA Conversation series.

Screen and vote for nominees at IDA Documentary Awards

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Be part of the most prestigious documentary awards show of its kind, IDA Documentary Awards. Members are entitled to screen nominees for Best Feature and Best Short, then cast their vote for their top 3 favorites in each category. With 20 films to screen every season, this is a great way for members to participate within the doc community and support their favorite films.

Fund your film with help of Fiscal Sponsorship from IDA*

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Applying for fiscal sponsorship allows you to use IDA, a 501(c)(3) public charity, as a sponsor to your project for fundraising purposes. Many filmmakers choose to use this as an alternative to starting their own nonprofit. Through fiscal sponsorship, you can seek and solicit grants, tax-deductible donations for your doc, all with the support and oversight of the IDA. The IDA has sponsored hundreds of films in every phase—development, production, post-production, distribution, and outreach—both new and seasoned filmmakers are encouraged to apply.

Explore the Member Directory and meet community members around the world

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Link with members for projects, collaborations or just to mingle—our online member directory makes it easy to build a community of filmmakers and to grow your network. Look up members by name, occupation, or location and get connected today!

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Have questions about your membership? Contact membership@documentary.org.



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Keep it budget friendly to attend events and Call for Entries submissions*

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Attend our public programming events such as our Conversation Series, DocuDay LA, and IDA Documentary Awards or our biennial documentary 3-day conference, Getting Real—the only one of its kind-with discounted member passes. Plus, your submission to the Awards, also comes with a generous discount.

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Members are the first to know about exclusive events and screenings. Members can take advantage of a number of members-only events, such as our annual Screening Series, as well as enjoy priority seating at in-person events. Members can also look forward to virtual and in-person member mingles hosted in their hubs, bringing members together for networking mixers.

Stay updated with community news and discounts to partner events

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Learn about current IDA and industry news, members-only initiatives and events, upcoming member screenings, job opportunities, grant deadlines, and a special spotlight that highlights the work of a fellow member. Plus, take advantage of monthly discounts to partner events and festivals exclusive to IDA members.

Discount to software, and streaming platforms*

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Manage your project expenses through Quickbooks with a 40% off discount to a subscription for six months. Plus, you have a 3-month complimentary membership to Argo, a short film streaming platform.

Artists from abroad receive visa support from IDA*

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Qualified international members who are filing for O&P category visas can request a letter of no objection to submit with their petition. IDA would require a recent resume and/or portfolio showcasing recent work and contributions to the filmmaking community before endorsing any letters. Contact Member Services directly to utilize this benefit.



*Applicable to Doc Maker-level membership and above only

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